

Claim 1 stands rejected for reciting the phrase "the distance between the atom of Ar linked to L2 and the center of the  $\beta$  ring is no more than 24 $\text{\AA}$ ." Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office regarding the grounds of this rejection. However, solely to advance prosecution of this case, this limitation has been removed from claim 1, as suggested by the Office.

Claim 42 was rejected because the Office considered the scope of the claim to be so broad as to be indefinite. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office regarding the grounds of this rejection. However, as discussed above, this claim has been cancelled. As such, this rejection is moot.

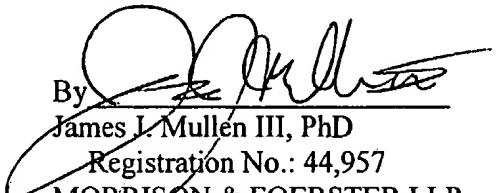
In view of the amendments discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of the pending claims is definite and that the present rejections have been overcome, and each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no.

219002029300. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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